House Bill No. 5645

Public Act No. 08-62

AN ACT CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION CONDUCTED BINGO.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any parent teacher association or organization may operate and conduct games of bingo, as defined in section 7-169 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, for the amusement and recreation of such association's or organization's members and guests without a permit, as required by said section, provided (1) such association or organization registers annually with the Division of Special Revenue and pays an annual registration fee of twenty dollars, (2) such association or organization obtains an identification number from the division, (3) such association or organization charges an admission fee of not more than one dollar, (4) each individual prize of cash or merchandise offered does not exceed twenty dollars in value, and (5) only active members of such association or organization assist in the operation of the games of bingo and assist without compensation. The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue may revoke any such registration for cause. Any registration fees collected in accordance with this subsection shall be remitted to the state.

(b) Each such association or organization shall keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements related to such games of bingo, and such records shall be available for inspection by the executive director.

(c) Each such association or organization shall be exempt from the requirements of sections 7-169 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and 7-169a of the general statutes.

(d) The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue, in consultation with the Gaming Policy Board, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section in order to prevent fraud and protect the public.

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